Lincoln County Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail Primary Election | **May 19, 2026**

Sample Ballot Included

Dear Lincoln County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give you, the voter, additional information on candidates and measures. You will not vote on every office in this pamphlet. Your ballot will contain only those positions and issues for which you are eligible to vote—based on where you live and your party affiliation. Each candidate had the opportunity to submit a picture and statement regarding their candidacy.

This Primary Election will be held completely by mail. Your ballot will arrive in the mail on or near May 1st. After voting your ballot, you may drop it in the mail (**if mailing close to election day ask the postal clerk to hand postmark your ballot)** or deposit it at one of our drop sites listed on page 21-4 in this pamphlet. And, for your convenience, **Official Drive-up Ballot Drop Boxes** are now available in Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo, Waldport, Depoe Bay, Siletz, Yachats and Eddyville. See page 21-5 for directions. If you have any questions, please call our office at (541) 265-4131 or visit our website: **www.co.lincoln.or.us/208/**

Amy A Southwell. Lincoln County Clerk

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Ballot Drop Site Locations

You may mail in your ballot or deposit it at any of the drop sites listed below **(if mailing ask the postal clerk to hand postmark your ballot)**:

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
225 W Olive, Room 201; Newport
INSIDE BOX: 8am to 5pm M-F
(April 9th through May 18th)
May 19th ONLY (Election Day) 7am-8pm
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in rear parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

LINCOLN CITY CITY HALL
801 SW Hwy 101; Lincoln City
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in lower parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

DEPOE BAY CITY HALL
570 SE Shell; Depoe Bay
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

NEWPORT CITY HALL
169 SW Coast Hwy; Newport
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box-turn just north of the bus stop in front of Newport City Hall—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

TOLEDO POLICE STATION
250 W Hwy 20, Toledo
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in Toledo Police Station Parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

SILETZ CITY HALL
215 W Buford; Siletz
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

WALDPORT CITY HALL
355 Alder Street; Waldport
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall drive-through lane—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

YACHATS CITY HALL
276 W 6th Street; Yachats
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall drive-through lane—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th(beginning April 9th)

EDDYVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
6890 Crystal Creek Loop; Eddyville
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in Church parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 19th (beginning April 9th)

TWO OPTIONS TO RETURN BALLOT:

Official Ballot Drop Site by 8PM on Election Day (Drop Sites listed above)

or

United States Mail (Free Postage) - Postmarks Count

Must by Postmarked by Election Day

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Drive-Up Ballot Drop Boxes Now Available in Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo, Waldport, Depoe Bay, Siletz, Yachats, and Eddyville

Drive-up ballot drop boxes are now available at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Newport, the Newport City Hall in Newport, the Lincoln City City Hall in Lincoln City, the Toledo Police Station in Toledo, the Waldport City Hall in Waldport, the Depoe Bay City Hall in Depoe Bay, the Siletz City Hall in Siletz, the Yachats City Hall in Yachats and the Eddyville Community Church in Eddyville.

These drive-up ballot boxes will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from April 9th through 8:00pm on May 19th.

Newport:
Lincoln County Courthouse – located in rear parking lot at the east end of the second row of parking. Go west on West Olive Street to 4-way stop by the jail. Turn left onto SW Nye Street. Turn left into second entrance to rear courthouse parking lot. Go all the way to the end of the row and you will see the ballot box on the left side. (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Newport City Hall – Turn just north of the bus stop in front of Newport City Hall. You will see the ballot box (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Park in front and put your ballot in the box!

Lincoln City:
Lincoln City City Hall – located in the lower parking lot under the City Hall. Turn west at the stop light by the City Hall. (across from Burger King). Enter the one-way entrance to the parking lot under the building. The ballot box is near the elevators next to the water payment box and the book and video drops. (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Toledo:
Toledo Police Station - located in the Police Station parking lot at the A Street exit. Turn north at the stop light onto A Street. Turn left onto NW 6th Street and enter the Police Station parking lot. Stay to the left and go to the one-way exit back onto A Street. You will see the ballot box on the left by the exit. (It is marked, "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Waldport:
Waldport City Hall – located in the Mark C. Campbell City Hall in the drive-through lane. From Highway 34, turn north onto NW Spring Street. Take an immediate right onto Alder Street. Turn into the Mark C. Campbell City Hall entrance (the new City Hall is in the old Umpqua Bank building). Take an immediate right into the one-way drive-through. Enter the center lane of the drive-through. You will see the ballot box on your left. (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site".) Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Depoe Bay:
Depoe Bay City Hall – located in the City Hall parking lot at the south exit. From Hwy 101, turn east onto Schoolhouse Road. Turn left onto Shell Avenue. Take an immediate right into the City Hall parking lot. Continue through the parking lot to the Schoolhouse Road exit. You will see the ballot box on the left by the exit. (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Siletz:
Siletz City Hall – located in the City Hall parking lot at the east exit. Turn west onto W Buford Avenue. Enter the City Hall parking lot from W Buford Avenue. Continue through the parking lot to the Bensell Street exit. You will see the ballot box on the left by the exit. (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Yachats:
Yachats City Hall (new City Hall-old bank building) – located in City Hall drive-through. From Hwy 101, turn west onto W 5th Street. Take an immediate right into the City Hall (old bank building) parking lot. Continue around the building to the outside drive-through lane. You will see the ballot box on the left (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site"). Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Eddyville:
Eddyville Community Church – Turn into the parking lot of the Eddyville Community Church on Crystal Creek Loop. You will see the ballot box (It is marked "Official Ballot Drop Site.") Park in front and put your ballot in the box!

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Measure 21-236 North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1

Ballot Title

21-236

Renewal of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue 5-year Operational Levy.

QUESTION: Shall NLFR renew its Operational Levy of $1.22 per $1,000 assessed value for five years funding general operations beginning 2027-2028? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: Approval of this local option levy would renew the existing five-year levy at the same rate now in effect for an additional five years. The Fire District will use the tax revenue for the following:

Retain the 21 current firefighter positions and ensure the continuation of Emergency Fire & Rescue services at the present level. In 2025 the District had our call volume increase by 6% to 3587 calls for service. Often, several emergency calls occur at the same time and opposite ends of the District.

3 firefighters and Paramedics on duty at both north and south Fire Stations 24/7 will continue to decrease response times saving lives and property.

Maintain inspection and safety programs

Continue current Volunteer incentive programs. Maintain and strengthen Volunteer response.

Purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment.

Repair and maintain District facilities, equipment, and general operations of the District.

An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the levy: FY 2027-2028 $3,855,960 FY 2028-2029 $3,952,358 FY 2029-2030 $4,051,167 FY 2030-2031 $4,152,447 FY 2031-2032 $4,256,258.

Explanatory Statement

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue is asking District voters to renew the five-year local option levy to: (1) fund the current career firefighting staff of 21, (2) continue District Volunteer programs, (3) purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment and (4) fund general operations of the District.

We are asking the voters to continue to pay the current levy tax rate established 5 years ago with no increase.

The Fire District will use the resulting tax revenues to do the following:

1. Maintain the Current 21 Firefighter EMT/Paramedic positions

The Fire District continues to see a trend of increasing call volume and decreased volunteer availability. Often several emergency calls occur at the same time. It is difficult to meet this service demand.

A combination of volunteers and career staff on shift 24 hours per day, 7 days a week at fire stations has significantly reduced response times, saving lives and property.

Three Firefighters are currently on duty at the Oceanlake Fire Station covering the north District and three Firefighters at the Taft Fire Station covering the south District. This minimum staffing level of Firefighter EMT/Paramedics will continue to be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Paid firefighters do not eliminate the District's need for Volunteer Firefighters in any way. Volunteer Firefighters are an important part of the Fire District every day. This levy would continue the overall capabilities of the District to provide service.

2. Continue Volunteer Programs

Volunteers continue to be essential to the District's emergency response. In order to recruit, encourage participation, and retain Volunteers, incentive programs have been established. This levy would allow the District to continue funding those Volunteer programs.

3. Purchase and Maintain firefighter Protective Equipment

Firefighter safety and protective equipment must be continually replaced and maintained for compliance with regulations.

4. Fund General Operations of the District

This levy would allow the District to repair and maintain facilities, equipment, and fund general operations.

What is the impact if levy fails?

The current levy of $1.22 expires June 2027. If this levy expires the resulting loss of 3.8 million dollars will lay off 21 Firefighters, reduce volunteer programs and increase response times. There will be less funding for facilities and safety equipment. Maintenance will be prioritized with some not being done at all.

How is the District funded?

The District is funded through a permanent property tax base and the voter approved local option levy that expires in 2027. We also collect funds from inspections, service contracts, grants, and user fees. The Fire District is not part of, nor does it receive any funding from city, county, or state government. 85% of District funding comes from property taxes.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

There will be no increase to the current levy rate of $1.22 per $1,000 of assessed value. Based on the best information available from the county assessor, the owner of property assessed at $300,000 will continue to pay an estimated $30.50 per month, or $366 per year.

(This information submitted by Rob Dahlman, Fire Chief; North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1.)

Measure 21-236 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Every day, our firefighters and paramedics feel proud and grateful to serve you. We're willing to risk our lives to save yours.

Thanks to the support of our community, we have had the resources to provide a compassionate and professional emergency response when someone calls us for help, which happens on average 10 times on a normal day.

A renewal of this levy will **maintain the current tax** rate that was approved by the voters in 2021. The past five years have been the busiest years in NLFR's history with 2025 producing a new record of 3,587 calls for service, a 6% increase from 2024. The renewal of this levy ensures that we will have the staff, equipment, and apparatus to operate effectively and efficiently in our growing and busy community. This levy funds all 21 career firefighters who provide 24/7/365 coverage at both the Bob Everest and Taft Stations. It will also allow us to increase our ability to grow and strengthen our volunteers, purchase and replace protective equipment as it enters its end of service life, and repair, maintain, update, and replace District facilities, equipment, and apparatus.

We do not take your support for granted. There are a lot of things we do to ensure we're prepared to answer a call for help:

-We train hard.

-We act with integrity.

-We exercise kindness and compassion.

-We work as a team.

-We diligently care for our publicly-funded vehicles, stations, and equipment.

-We donate back to the communities we serve, over $19,000 in the past 5 years

Let us continue serving you and the people who visit our beautiful community. It is an investment in your safety and ours. Vote YES on Measure 21-236.

Furnished by:

Hunter Pariani, President

North Lincoln Professional Firefighters

IAFF Local 5169

(This information furnished by Hunter Pariani, President; North Lincoln Professional Firefighters; IAFF Local 5169.)

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Measure 21-237 Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

Ballot Title

21-237

Renew 5-year firefighter levy with a .12 cent increase.

QUESTION: Shall the Seal Rock Fire District seek a 5-year renewal of the firefighter levy, beginning FY 2027-2028, for Firefighter staffing? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This is a continuation of an existing levy for firefighters. We are seeking a .12 cent increase. This increases the levy to a total of .52 cents per thousand. Inflation and rising costs necessitate this increase. We have developed a program supporting our volunteer program. This levy will fund the 24-hour duty officer program. The program changed from a firefighter position to a supervisor position. This program allows for 24-hour management of volunteer responders, as well as a supervisor response to all calls in the fire district. This Levy also provides funds for the supervision of our 40 plus volunteers. The financial impact of the five-year levy at .52 cents per thousand is as follows. (Fiscal year 27-28) $353,600 (Fiscal year 28-29) $364,208 (Fiscal year 29-30) $375,146 (Fiscal year 30-31) $386,400 (Fiscal year 31-32) $397,992. This measure may cause the property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Explanatory Statement

We are making a very simple but important request. That you extend the Levy for our three paid positions for another five years, A levy that was originally passed in 2018.

We are also asking for a very modest increase in this levy of .12 per thousand assessed value.

- What this means is a $30 per year increase for a home assessed at $250,000. Assessed value is usually much lower than Market Value.
- We have been able to manage the levy money but unfunded mandates from the state for payroll (as well as other categories across the board) have exceeded our ability to keep up.
- There has been no increase in the levy base since 2018. Yet, expenses such as PERS have risen from 20% to 35%, and in some cases 40% of every dollar we spend on wages. Since 2021, the district board and management have worked to increase the trained volunteer force from under 5 in 2021 to 50 today. Firefighters, Emergency Medical Responders, and Paramedics all ready to serve our District.
- With that increase of volunteers, supervision, organizational, and tactical responsibilities to manage such a large group have also increased.
- The role of our paid staff has developed to fill in this new role, and they are more than responders. They are now a shift manager for every shift.
- The current Board and management at Seal Rock Fire look at every expenditure as the potential Return on Investment. 50 volunteers mean you now have a "multimillion dollar fire department.", for a cost of $790,000.
- We can cover shifts with enough trained people to respond with multiple trained personnel to cover at least two separate incidents, normally more.

Compare our Return on Investment with two other Department in the South County: $3.00 per thousand compared to Seal Rock's $1.30. We are humbly asking for your continued support for this levy. We do not take this request lightly, and we firmly believe this small increase will pay returns on investment of retention of our small, but important and effective paid force.
This will directly benefit the residents of Seal Rock.

(This information submitted by William Ewing, Fire Chief, Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District.)

Measure 21-237 Arguments

Argument in Favor

South Lincoln Emergency Responders:
Argument in favor of 21-237:

South Lincoln Emergency Responders is its own entity. We are registered with the Oregon Secretary of State. SLER is comprised of volunteers responders as well as a forum for non-responder membership.

Seal Rock Fire is seeking an extension to a Levy for firefighters. The levy request also has a .12 cent increase.

The South Lincoln Emergency Responders support this levy request. Seal Rock fire has spent the past 4 years developing a strong volunteer response agency. The district now has 45 volunteers. These volunteers staffed a station to the tune of 21,000 hours in 2025. That is time at the station waiting to respond. This program is a very successful program. That said it requires a lot of leadership. training, scheduling, as well as meeting equipment needs. The district paid duty officers do so much more than respond to 911 calls. The paid firefighter program has morphed into a duty officer program. The duty officer program is a 24-7 staffing model for management of the volunteer force, as well as a 24-7-365 guaranteed response. We feel this is a reasonable request, and we know that the district pays close attention to managing the fiscal responsibilities of the district.

(This information furnished by Isaac Stillman, President, South Lincoln Emergency Responders.)

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Measure 21-238 City of Toledo

Ballot Title

21-238

Amends the Charter for the City of Toledo Government.

QUESTION: Shall Toledo amend its City Charter to clarify official roles, correct scrivener's errors, and allow approval of ordinances by title?

SUMMARY: The City Council for the City of Toledo held a work session on October 22, 2025, relating to the proposed Charter amendments, and engaged in further discussion on December 17, 2025. After these discussions, the City Council determined that amendments to the Charter are appropriate to correct scrivener's errors, clarify the role of certain City officials, and allow ordinances to be approved when read by title. Key proposed changes include:

- Prohibiting the council-appointed offices of city manager, municipal judge, and city attorney from being combined or held by a single person;
- Requiring City Council approval for an interim city manager or city manager *pro tem* to appoint or remove volunteers;
- Clarifying that a city manager *pro tem* need not reside within Lincoln County;
- Allowing ordinances to be approved by title rather than being read in full; and,
- Correcting scrivener's errors including removing the "draft" watermark and capitalizing certain terms consistently throughout the Charter.

Explanatory Statement

This measure would amend the City of Toledo Charter to clarify the roles and responsibilities of certain appointed officials, correct errors, and update how ordinances may be approved.

The amendments would prohibit combining the council-appointed offices of city manager, municipal judge, and city attorney in one person. The amendments would require City Council approval before an interim city manager or city manager pro tem appoints or removes volunteers. The amendments would clarify that a city manager pro tem does not need to live in Lincoln County. The amendments would allow ordinances to be approved when read by title, rather than requiring reading the full text. The amendments would correct scrivener's errors, including removing a "draft" watermark and standardizing capitalization throughout the Charter.

The City Council discussed these amendments at an October 22, 2025, work session and again on December 17, 2025. The Council determined that these changes are needed to correct errors, clarify roles, address interim management, and permit approval of ordinances by title.

Because the Charter may only be amended by voters, on February 4, 2026, the Council passed Resolution No. 1599 referring this measure for the May 19, 2026 special election. Voters are invited to review the Council's discussions at the City's website: https://www.cityoftoledo.org/meetings/recent. The text of the proposed Charter amendments are available here, in Exhibits B and C to Resolution No. 1599: https://www.cityoftoledo.org/media/17416.

If the measure passes, Toledo will implement the clarified appointment rules, non-residency option for a manager pro tem, and ordinance approval by title. If the measure fails, the current Charter provisions and existing reading requirements will remain in effect.

(This information submitted by Paul Johnson, City Recorder, City of Toledo.)

Measure 21-239 Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

Ballot Title

21-239

Renewal of 5-year Local Option Tax levy.

QUESTION: Shall YRFPD renew its Operational Levy of $1.59 per $1,000 assessed value for five years funding general operations beginning 2028-2029?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: Approval of this local option levy would renew the existing five-year levy at the same rate now in effect for an additional five years. The Fire District will use the tax revenue for the following:

Retain its current six full-time paid Paramedic-Firefighter employees plus part-time replacements to fill vacations and personal leave.

Maintain and repair essential fire apparatus, trucks and personal protective equipment.

Expand volunteer recruitment program(s).

Repair and maintain essential facilities.

Fund general operations of YRFPD.

An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the levy: FY 2028-2029 $1,161,284 FY 2029-2030 $1,196,123 FY 2030-2031 $1,232,006 FY 2031-2032 $1,268,967 FY 2032-2033 $1,307,036.

Explanatory Statement

The Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (YRFPD) provides fire, rescue, and emergency medical services from just south of Yachats to the southern Waldport boundary and approximately ten miles up the Yachats River Valley. The District responds to fires, medical emergencies, motor-vehicle crashes, rescues, hazardous conditions, and other life-safety incidents within this service area.
YRFPD is asking voters to renew its existing five-year local option tax (LOT) of $1.59. Renewal of this levy would allow the District to:

1. Retain the current career firefighter staffing level,
2. Strengthen and maintain the volunteer firefighter program,
3. Purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment and facilities, and
4. Fund general operations necessary to provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

Impact if the Levy Fails

The current levy rate of $1.59 per $1,000 of assessed value expires in June 2028. Without renewal, YRFPD would lose the funding that supports a significant portion of its operations. The loss of this levy would reduce the volunteer program, decrease career staffing, and increase emergency response times. In the absence of levy funding, the District may be left with only one career firefighter on duty per 48-hour shift to respond to fire, medical, and rescue calls. Maintenance of facilities and safety equipment would be delayed or eliminated, increasing long-term costs and reducing reliability.
The cost of providing fire, rescue, and EMS services continues to rise faster than revenue. More than 95% of the District's income comes from property taxes. Calls for service continue to increase each year, and inflation has raised the cost of equipment, training, fuel, utilities, and essential supplies.

Purpose of the Levy Renewal

YRFPD is not requesting an increase in tax rate. The District is asking voters to renew the existing $1.59 per $1,000 LOT to maintain current service levels. Revenue from the renewed levy would be used for the following purposes:

1) Maintain current staffing of six career firefighters.
This staffing level provides 24/7 emergency response coverage and ensures that multiple responders are available for fire, medical, and rescue incidents.
2) Continue and enhance the Volunteer Program.
The volunteer program has grown from three to seven active volunteers. Volunteers remain essential to YRFPD's emergency response capability. Incentive and support programs help recruit, train, and retain volunteers. Levy renewal would allow these programs to continue.
3) Purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment.
Protective gear must be regularly replaced and maintained to meet safety standards and protect firefighter health. Rising equipment costs have already required the District to defer needed replacements.
4) Fund general operations.
Levy funds support facility maintenance, equipment repair, utilities, training, and daily operational needs. By law, bond funds cannot be used for general operations.
Renewing the levy allows YRFPD to maintain current service levels and continue providing essential emergency services to the community.

(This information submitted by Geoffrey Mathia, Acting Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District.)

Measure 21-240 Makai Special Road District

Ballot Title

21-240

Makai Road District Five-Year Local Option Tax.

QUESTION: Shall Makai Road District residents approve a 5-year local option tax of $0.85/$1000 for street network maintenance beginning FY 2026-2027?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The goal of this 5-year local option tax is to raise an estimated $39k to $41k in each fiscal year beginning with FY 2026-2027 through FY 2030-2031. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate. This will be in addition to the existing annual base rate that generates approximately $43k. The recent Level Of Service survey identified significant existing needs for pavement replacement, storm drain restoration and rehabilitation, and street shoulder safety improvements. At the current annual base tax rate, the Road District Board has been unable to repair or maintain even the highest priority projects. Recent projects have had to wait two to three years for adequate funds to become available for completion. This has pushed all priority projects into an uncertain completion status and schedule. As a result, the Board has had to focus on small emergency repairs that can be completed within the annual revenue limits of the existing base rate. If approved, the 5-year local option tax will help the District begin addressing the backlogged priority projects, including overdue pavement restoration, reestablishing the main components of the failed storm drain system, and rebuilding the street shoulders that have disappeared over the decades as street pavement overlays slowly raised the street well above the adjacent shoulders.

Explanatory Statement

Residents within the Makai Road District are facing a road system maintenance funding challenge. The existing annual revenue has been unable to adequately fund existing annual priority projects causing a cascading effect of ever-expanding localized road and drainage system failures. This also has the added impact of increasing the eventual repair costs when they are completed in an emergency status. The proposed 5-year local option tax will allow the Road District to begin addressing the backlog of long overdue maintenance projects on the entire road network.

A recent road and drainage system level of service (LOS) condition and needs assessment was conducted in August 2025. This process evaluated the existing pavement condition, drainage functionality and shoulder grading. Based on the survey results, the Board has determined a 5-year local option tax of $0.85 per $1k of assessed property valuation should be put before Makai residents. This would be in addition to the existing base rate of $1.05 per $1k assessed valuation. As a reminder, this local option tax will be based on assessed valuation, not on real market value of a property. You can see the difference in those two values on your annual property tax statement. The goal is to raise approximately $40k of additional annual maintenance revenue to help start addressing the backlog of maintenance needs.

Road networks (pavement, drainage and shoulders) are evaluated on a LOS using Good, Fair, and Poor ratings. A Good rating for a rural network such as Makai's means the pavement lasts at least 15 years between resurfacing, the associated drainage system is fully functional, and the shoulders within 3 feet of the edge of pavement are at the same grade and cross slope as the pavement with no traffic or pedestrian hazards. The condition assessment conclusion for Makai is the complete road network is at a very low 'Fair' rating, trending rapidly into 'Poor'. There are street sections that are in complete failure with base rock exposed, over 95% of the drainage system is non-functional, and long stretches of shoulder are at 8 inches or more below the edge of pavement.

At the current annual base tax rate revenue of $43k, the district has been unable to repair or maintain even the highest priority projects. Given other ongoing annual expenses, the net annual funds for actual maintenance projects is approximately $37k. The annual repair and maintenance needs required to maintain the existing LOS is at least twice that amount, and even more to move the LOS into a solid 'Fair' condition. Additional annual revenue from the proposed 5-year local option tax will be used to address the high priority pavement restoration locations as well as begin to re-establish the road drainage network that has been compromised over the years by many residential street frontage 'enhancements' and driveway entrances and aprons with undersized and non-operational culverts and drains.

(This information submitted by Daniel Grassick, Chair, Makai Road District.)

Measure 21-240 Arguments

Argument in Favor

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Makai residents are at a decision point: approve a 5-year local option tax to raise additional annual project revenue, or maintain the existing base tax rate and essentially perform only emergency repairs as they occur and only when funds become available. The Makai Road District Board strongly encourages district residents to vote for this local option tax.

(This information furnished by Daniel Grassick.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 1

Cheri Brubaker

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Field Rep-rsentative for Congresswoman Val Hoyle

Occupational Background: YBC Radio News Director, News-Times Reporter, Teacher

Educational Background: BA Columbia College

Prior Governmental Experience: 3 years as a Congressional Field Representative

"As a stay at home parent, a journalist covering Lincoln County, a news director at local radio stations, or working as a federal liaison to the Congressional office for the north and central coast — I've listened, asked questions and worked to help people understand each other and solve problems.

Lincoln County is strongest when people work together to find practical solutions. I am running for County Commissioner to rebuild public trust, strengthen our communities, and to make sure county government works effectively for the people it serves."
Cheri Brubaker

Restoring Public Trust
We deserve a County Board of Commissioners that can focus on the needs of the people. I will work to bring steady, thoughtful leadership and a commitment to fairness, transparency, and respect for everyone in our communities.

Commitment to Transparency and Accountability
The people of Lincoln County deserve to know what is happening in their government — the good and the bad. As a reporter, I worked to bring light to the operations of government. As your County Commissioner, I will continue to stand for openness, accountability, and honest communication.

Ensure County Government Works for the People
I decided to run for office because I believe we need leaders who show up every day focused on helping the people they serve and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. I have the experience, the skills, and the commitment to do the job well. I would be honored to earn your vote to be your next County Commissioner.

Proudly Endorsed By:
Joanne Kittel, Yachats
Bud Shoemake, Logsden
Former Depoe Bay Mayor Kathy Short
Susan Wahlke, Lincoln City
Nicole Clark, Otis
Howard Wright, Newport
David Wood, Waldport
Patricia Mac Nielsen, Waldport
Oliver and Nina Beckert, Waldport
Cindy Reike, Tidewater
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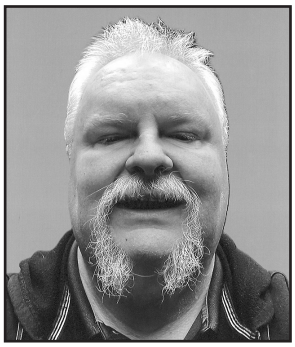
Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 1



Dru Earls

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Surveillance Agent

Occupational Background: SEIU 503 Union Representative Lincoln County; DHS Home Healthcare; HIV/Aids and IDU education and prevention; Quality Assurance Manager; Director of Technical Services and Quality Assurance; I have been a manager for four decades and a training manager for two decades. I worked in restaurants management, hotels, and as a computer operator in a doctors office while putting myself through college.

Educational Background: BS Food Science Cal Poly SLO; MS Food Science/Nutrition Cal Poly SLO; Ph.D. Cereal Chemistry Kansas State University

Prior Governmental Experience: While obtaining my Ph.D. I worked for the state of Kansas for about three years doing HIV/Aids and IDU education and prevention. I had six counties that I was responsible for and I was certified by the Red Cross

I am a member of Alpha Mu, a national honors society for Cereal Chemists. I did my MS research in wastewater. I used ozone as a replacement for chlorine in vegetable processing. This would remove a carcinogen from the food supply and allow for the reuse of the water. I was certified by the state of WA in wastewater and potable water and worked in wastewater for over five years. I have taken tours of wastewater treatment facilities in San Luis Obispo,CA., Fresno CA., Depoe Bay, OR., Marysville WA., and Lynden WA.

(This information furnished by Dru Earls.)

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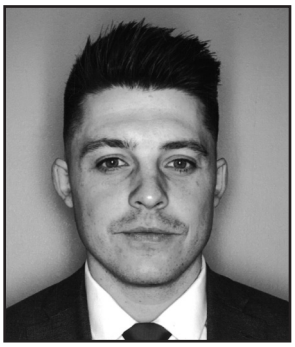

Carter McEntee

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Restaurant Operator, Mo's Seafood and Chowder (Family Business) - Paid

Occupational Background: Business Owner; General Manager; Sales Manager - Paid

Educational Background: Willamette University - Graduate; Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.); BYU Hawaii - Undergraduate; Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: None

CARTER McENTEE
PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP FOR LINCOLN COUNTY
As a local small business owner and lifelong member of this community, I care deeply about the future of Lincoln County and the people who call it home. I'm running for County Commissioner to help strengthen our economy, support our communities, and protect the natural beauty that makes this place special.

A STRONG FUTURE FOR LINCOLN COUNTY
Lincoln County is a special place to live, work, and raise a family. But our community faces real challenges—rising housing costs, seasonal economic pressures, and the need to protect the natural beauty that defines our coast. We need practical leadership focused on solutions, not politics.

SUPPORTING LOCAL JOBS AND BUSINESSES
Local businesses are the backbone of Lincoln County's economy. As a small business owner, I understand the challenges of operating on the coast where so much depends on the season. I will work to support entrepreneurs, strengthen our local economy, and protect family-wage jobs in industries like fishing, tourism, healthcare, and small business.

PROTECTING WHAT MAKES LINCOLN COUNTY SPECIAL
Our forests, rivers, and ocean are central to our way of life. Protecting these natural resources also protects our economy and our future. We must steward them responsibly so future generations can enjoy the same beauty and opportunity we have today.

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY
County government should listen to the people it serves and operate with transparency and accountability. I will work hard to represent our communities and focus on common-sense solutions that strengthen Lincoln County for generations to come.

Together, we can keep Lincoln County a place where families, businesses, and communities thrive.

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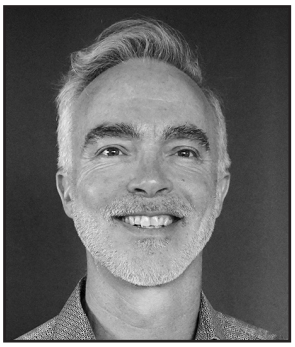

Casey Miller

Nonpartisan

Occupation: County Commissioner since 2023. Born in Newport.

Occupational Background: Lincoln County Public Information Officer (2008–2022); Advertising (Self-Employed, 2005–2007); Radio Communications (1997–2004) — all in Lincoln County.

Educational Background: Yuba College – AA; University of California, Davis – Psychology/English.

Prior Governmental Experience: 17+ years in local public service

It has been my privilege to serve you as County Commissioner. After my first term, I see more clearly what is working and where we must improve. Having spent much of my career working in county government, I understand how our local services operate and how we can continue improving them. These are challenging times, and the best path forward is to roll up our sleeves and work together.

I believe in service to the community. Government should be accessible, understandable, and responsive. Essential services must be delivered efficiently, effectively, and respectfully.

County commissioners carry two important responsibilities: representing the people and overseeing county operations. Effective government means following the law, establishing clear procedures, and operating transparently. Open meetings, equal access to information, and clear decision-making are fundamental to public trust.

Lincoln County provides vital services including public safety, emergency response, transportation, infrastructure, and public health. Maintaining these services while costs rise and state and federal policies change requires careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars and a skilled, motivated workforce.

Leadership requires listening, professionalism, and a commitment to finding common ground. The County Commission is nonpartisan. Civil, respectful leadership should bring our community together, not divide it.

My wife and our son are proud to call Lincoln County home across five generations. Together, we can ensure all families have the opportunity to live, work, and thrive here.

I remain committed to clear government process, responsible budgeting, and strengthening public services across Lincoln County.

Thank you for your support. Together we can move forward. - Casey, Cherity & Reed.

(This information furnished by Casey Miller.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 1

Nicholle Moody

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: Social Worker; Contracts Manager; Small business owner.

Educational Background: BSW; SDSU; MBA; University of Phoenix

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Champion of Individual Liberty
Nicholle is running for Lincoln County Commissioner to ensure fair, unbiased representation for all residents. Elected officials are entrusted to represent every voter with equal respect, regardless of agreement or affiliation. Every individual deserves equal representation— No label required.

Thriving Economy
After nearly 3 years of economic disruption during Covid, one would expect Lincoln County to focus on rebuilding its economy. Instead, the county doubled-down on taxes and regulations that discourage economic growth. As a former social worker, Nicholle spent her early career serving vulnerable populations and understands sustainable social services depend on a strong tax base—created by economic growth. Current proposals, such as IP28, exemplify this trend by threatening hunting, fishing, trapping, and farming—activities that have long supported local livelihoods and shaped Lincoln County communities. These policies risk undermining working families and rural communities. Oregon's anti-business climate has driven major employers elsewhere, while the state has declined billions in federal funding, attempting to offset the resulting shortfall through higher taxes. Lincoln County needs economic policies that support business owners and blue-collar workers, who remain the foundation of a healthy and resilient local economy.

Representative Government
Nicholle is committed to fostering a cohesive workplace for county employees and, by extension, "The People". Ongoing challenges related to funding, staffing shortages, and internal conflict are detrimental to effective governance and public trust. She supports streamlining administrative processes and reducing unnecessary bureaucracy in order to refocus the county on its core mission: listening to and serving the public. Policies and procedures should not be used to restrict the ability of elected officials, employees, or taxpayers to participate in public meetings. Administrative practices must remain consistent with constitutional protections and respect the fundamental rights of the public.

(This information furnished by Nicholle Moody.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 1

Cathie Rigby

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Grants Manager, City of Newport (overseeing $30M in funding); Executive Director, Beacon of Hope

Occupational Background: Program manager in economic development, housing, land trust, and juvenile probation. Small business owner.

Educational Background: University of Utah: Master's in Public Policy; Bachelor's in Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Lincoln County Fair Board, Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (former co-chair), Oregon Universal Accessibility Advisory Committee, Cape Perpetua Collaborative Board, Brain Injury Fund Advisory Committee (Utah, 2010-2020), Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (2019-2021).

LET'S BUILD TOMORROW TOGETHER

My family is the reason I am running for Lincoln County Commissioner. I am the daughter of immigrants from Peru and a mother of six. I strive to show my children that leadership is about service, listening, solving problems, and remembering that every decision affects real people.

This campaign is about building a resilient, equitable, opportunity-rich future for everyone. When I ask for support, it's more than just your vote. Let's build this future together.

BUILDING TRUST & STABILITY
Trust and stability grow when people feel consistently informed and included. I'm committed to open communication, clear processes, and steady follow-through. By focusing on practical solutions, responsible use of public resources, and collaboration, we create an environment where everyone feels secure and supported.

BUILDING AN AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY
Lincoln County grows stronger when everyone can afford safe, stable housing. Too many families, especially seniors are being priced out. I support practical solutions: increasing workforce and senior housing, community-oriented development, and partnering with nonprofits. I will work to reduce barriers and ensure public investments support long-term stability.

BUILDING BETTER TRANSPORTATION
Our residents struggle to reach work, school, and medical care. I will strengthen local and regional transit, improve coordination, and support more accessible infrastructure so everyone can fully participate in community life.

www.cathierigby.com

ENDORSED BY:

Angel Aparicio-Reyes, Newport City Councilor
CM Hall, Newport City Councilor
Andrew Keating, Toledo City Councilor
Talaina King
Alex Llumiquinga Perez
Oregon Futures Lab & Color PAC

(This information furnished by Cathie Rigby.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2

Marci Baker

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Lincoln City Councilor & Business Owner

Occupational Background: Nearly two decades working in restaurants, lodging, and retail, and owner/operator of several hospitality businesses since 2017. Delegated business operations in 2023 to focus on public service.

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BS Anthropology; Taft High School, Honors Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Lincoln City Councilor, Ward 2; Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency; Lincoln City Budget Committee, Chair; Lincoln City Charter Review Committee; Engage Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee; Lincoln County State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee, Chair; Lincoln County Homeless Advisory Board (LCHAB); Lincoln County Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (R-SWAC); Lincoln City Planning Commissioner 2019 - 2023

Two years ago I chose to streamline my businesses and delegate management in order to serve on the Lincoln City Council. In addition to my elected role, I currently serve on seven additional local government boards and committees addressing homelessness, solid waste, and transportation in Lincoln County and Lincoln City's budget, urban renewal, public engagement plan and charter review.

Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, a deep commitment to community, and the belief public confidence is foundational to good governance, my record reflects commitments to excellent attendance, listening to those I represent, responsible oversight, and informed decision making.

This role is a natural extension of the many ways in which I already serve our community. In addition to showing up to meetings prepared, I attend every training and educational opportunity offered, frequent community events and answer and return calls.

I bring a unique approach to leadership, community engagement, and organizational culture. Through good times and crises, I demonstrate compassion, integrity, and an ever-growing capacity for public service. I am here to listen, share information, and be accountable to you. Lincoln County deserves that level of care.
Learn more and connect with me by visiting MarciBakerConnects.com

(This information furnished by Marci Baker.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2

Cristen Don

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Self-employed, Program Management Consultant

Occupational Background: 20-years managing public programs and budgets, leading natural resource management efforts, and guiding collaborative decision-making in coastal communities (ODFW; NOAA; Swell Consulting; Coastal Quest)

Educational Background: University of Washington (MA, Marine Affairs); UC Santa Cruz (BA, Marine Biology)

Prior Governmental Experience: Lincoln County Budget Committee; Ocean Science Trust

Community Service: Samaritan House Family Shelter

STABILITY. SERVICE. STEWARDSHIP.

For 22 years, Lincoln County has been my home and the place where I've dedicated my career to public service. I'm running for Commissioner because county government should be steady, reliable, and focused on delivering the services people count on every day. **Strong communities don't happen by accident** - they're built through **steady leadership, responsible stewardship**, and a **commitment to service**.

I bring two decades of experience managing public programs and budgets, leading community and natural resource efforts, and building partnerships across government, industry, and community organizations. My work at ODFW, NOAA, Coastal Quest, and my consulting business reflects a record of helping communities navigate complex issues with **clarity, transparency**, and **trust**.

As your Commissioner, I will bring:

Stability: Steady, competent leadership that restores trust, supports county staff, and ensures essential services run reliably.

Service: A deep commitment to public service and to ensuring county programs deliver responsive, high-quality support to the people who rely on them.

Stewardship: Responsible care for taxpayer dollars, public infrastructure, and our natural resources - making practical decisions that strengthen Lincoln County for the long-term.

My service on the Lincoln County Budget Committee, Ocean Science Trust, and Samaritan House Board reflects my commitment to fiscal responsibility, community wellbeing, and practical solutions to local challenges such as **housing affordability, access to health services, childcare**, and **economic resilience**.

I will bring sound judgement, collaboration, and accountability - to help make Lincoln County a place where all community members can live, work, and thrive.

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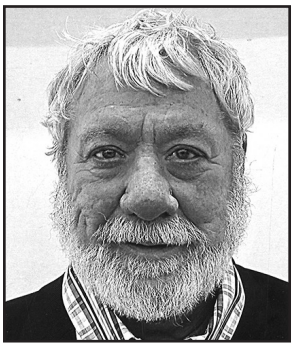
Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2



Joe D Steere

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Farmer; owner/ operator; cattle; timber

Occupational Background: Forestry management 34+ years; logger; commercial fisherman; construction; service industry

Educational Background: Taft 1-12; OSU 4 years BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District; elected; Lincoln County Forest Classification Commission; appointed

REESTABLISH LEADERSHIP
As a Lincoln County native and longtime forestry/ agricultural leader I am announcing my candidacy for County Commissioner. My focus will be on the need to reestablish leadership, restore integrity and the people's trust allowing your voices to be heard, and identifying problems and finding solutions "together". "No politics, no bull – just results."

REESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT, ASSURING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ARE EARNING THEIR HEALTHY SALARY
An observation over the past three decades is that our Lincoln County Commissioners have gradually shirked more of their responsibilities. Many Commissioner duties have been unofficially delegated to unelected employees.

Administrative control should be reestablished with each Commissioner taking on equal shares of oversight of the County departments (1/3 each). Commissioners will know; 1) department leader; 2) department function; 3) budget; 4) the benefit of that department to its constituents.

EXPERIENCE
My experience managing businesses and land has shaped my approach to public service. Running a business teaches you quickly that talk doesn't solve problems. You gather the information, weigh the options, and take responsibility for the outcome.

I served in leadership roles with several organizations focused on forestry, agriculture, and land stewardship, including Lincoln County Farm Bureau, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, American Tree Farm System, and MidCoast Watersheds Council. I assisted with the formation of the Partnership for Lincoln Lands and Water and the Lincoln County Forest Patrol Deputy. I currently serve on several natural resource committees.

My wife Cathy (retired long-term government employee) and I live on our cattle ranch on the Siletz River. I look forward to serving all residents of Lincoln County and would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Joe D Steere.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2

Eddie Townsend

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Educator, Coach, and Entrepreneur

Occupational Background: Teacher and Coach; Small Business Owner and Entrepreneur; Youth Program Organizer and Community Leader

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University — Master's Degree in Education; Newport High School — Graduated with Honors

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Having experienced homelessness as a youth in Lincoln County, I understand firsthand how housing instability shapes lives. That experience shaped my belief that strong communities are built when systems work effectively and when leadership focuses on practical solutions rather than politics.

Lincoln County faces real challenges, including housing shortages, homelessness, economic pressures, and the need for greater trust in local government. These issues require steady leadership, clear communication, and collaboration across agencies and communities.

As an educator, coach, and small business owner, I have spent my career building programs and strengthening organizations that serve local families. If elected, I will work to establish clearer timelines and greater transparency in the planning and permitting process, expand responsible housing opportunities, improve coordination in addressing homelessness, and ensure county government operates with professionalism and accountability.

Lincoln County deserves steady leadership that restores trust, removes unnecessary barriers, and builds lasting opportunity for the next generation.

(This information furnished by Eddie Townsend.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 3

Walter Chuck Jr

Nonpartisan

Occupation: County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Hiland Water Corporation 2015-2025; Johnson Creek Water Service 2008-2015

Educational Background: Cupertino HS; Mission Junior College

Prior Governmental Experience: Port of Newport Commissioner; Ocean Policy Advisory Council; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force

Economic development and job creation are top priorities for Lincoln County. We must support the industries that sustain our economy, including commercial fishing, natural resources, tourism, and marine science. I have a proven track record of supporting these critical industries, built over 15 years of service as both a Lincoln County Commissioner and Port of Newport Commissioner. This year, I helped pass legislation to bring funding to Lincoln County for infrastructure, public safety, and economic development.

Responsible budgeting is also essential to Lincoln County's future. With uncertainty in state and federal funding, we must ensure the county can continue providing the services our residents rely on.

I have prioritized public safety by working with local, state, and federal partners to keep the Coast Guard search-and-rescue helicopter stationed in Newport in 2015 and again in 2025. This helicopter is vital to keeping our fishers, forest workers, and visitors safe and providing support to our first responders.

Lincoln County is not a suitable location for an ICE detention facility. I will continue to fight to prevent the disruption and long-term negative impacts it would bring to our residents and businesses.

I represent Lincoln County's interests by serving on 10 state, regional, and local boards and committees focused on economic development, transportation, fishing, health care, solid waste, and conservation.

I am proud of all we have accomplished and look forward to continuing to deliver results for the people of Lincoln County. I respectfully ask for your vote.

ENDORSED BY:

Doug Hunt, Retired Lincoln County Commissioner
Jan Kaplan, Newport Mayor
Caddy McKeown, Retired Oregon State Representative, District 9
Gabe Shepherd, Benton County Commissioner
Craig Berdie, Yachats Mayor
Susan Wahlke, Lincoln City Mayor

Learn more: walterforlincolncounty.com

(This information furnished by Walter Chuck Jr.)

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Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 3

Curtis Landers

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 1987-2025.

Educational Background: FBI National Academy for leadership; University of Oregon; Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Command College; DPSST Executive, Middle Management, Supervisory, Advanced, Intermediate and Basic Police Certificates; Linn-Benton Community College; Chemeketa Community College; over 3,600 hours of law enforcement, corrections, supervisory and leadership training.

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Sheriff; Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; State Interoperable Executive Committee; SHSP and IMPACTS Grant Review Committee; State Emergency Response Commission; State School Safety Sub-Committee; State Health Improvement Plan Behavioral Health sub committee.

CURTIS LANDERS - EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

I served 37 years with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, including 20 years in upper management, and eight years as your elected Sheriff. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me.

PROVEN PUBLIC SERVICE

Throughout my career I focused on building relationships, responsibly managing tax dollars, and finding practical solutions that strengthen our communities. As Sheriff, I managed an annual budget of approximately $17 million. I also served on the Willamette Valley Communications Center advisory board and budget committee, and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) budget committee. I also served on the Samaritan House Board, as chair and treasurer.

In 2021, I was honored by my peers across Oregon as Oregon Sheriff of the Year, and in 2023, I was elected President of the OSSA.

COMMITTED TO LINCOLN COUNTY

I'm not running to be partisan, I'm running to bring common sense, cooperation, and results back to the Board of Commissioners. Leadership matters, and I will improve county government for our citizens and county employees.

Our county must address housing, public safety, homelessness, economic stability, infrastructure needs, and the protection of our drinking water and natural resources. Solutions to these issues require a commissioner with strong leadership.

But first, we must restore stability, collaboration, and open communication within the Board of Commissioners.

It would be an honor to serve our community as your County Commissioner.

Curtis Landers

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What about Postmarks?

Beginning in 2022, postmarks will count for ballots mailed on or before Election Day. **If mailing close to Election Day,** be sure to mail before the last mail pickup that day **and ask the clerk at the Post Office to hand postmark your envelope with the date.**

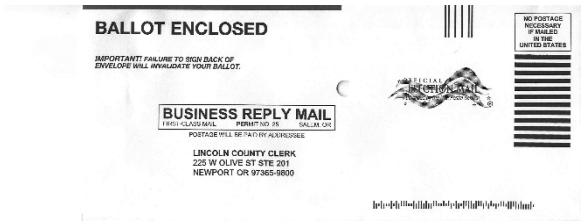
How will accepting Postmarks Change the Release of Election Results?

Since ballots with valid postmarks will be accepted after Election Day, Election Results will be released only once on election night at 8:00pm. To see the entire Election Results Release Schedule, see www.co.lincoln.or.us/1137/

With a prepaid postage envelope, you don't have to find a stamp.

With prepaid postage, you no longer have to search for a stamp to mail back your voted ballot.

All ballots in Oregon will be sent to voters with a prepaid postage return envelope.

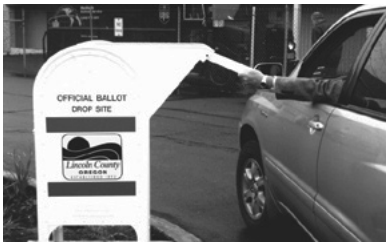


How does it work?

If you mail back your voted ballot, the Post Office will charge the State of Oregon for each ballot sent back to an Elections Official.

Only those ballots sent back through the mail will be charged to the State.

What about Drop sites?



Using one of Lincoln County's drop sites is faster and will reach us before the deadline as long as you drop your ballot in the dropbox before 8:00pm on May 19.

Search for one near you on page 21-4 of this pamphlet. (you can also use any Official Drop Site in the State of Oregon by 8pm election night)

Return your ballot

- By mail (mail on or before Election Day–must have postmark no later than Election Day– **if mailing close to election day, ask the postal clerk to hand postmark your ballot envelope**)
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site *(see list on page 21-4 of this pamphlet)* by 8pm Election Day
- At the County Clerk's/Election Office – by 8pm Election Day

Lincoln County Clerk

Website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/208/

Email: countyclerk@co.lincoln.or.us

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Voting Instructions
Use a pen (blue or black ink)

To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval ⬬ to the left of the response of your choice.

To write in a name, write the name on the solid line and fill in the oval ⬬ to the left of the write-in line.

Attention!
Remember to inspect your ballot for mistakes! If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, call your County Elections Office to ask for a replacement ballot.

Democratic Party

Federal Offices

US Senator
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **Jeff Merkley**
- ⬭ **Paul Damian Wells**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

US Representative, 4th District
2 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **Daniel B Bahlen**
- ⬭ **Melissa Bird**
- ⬭ **Val Hoyle**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

State Offices

Governor
4 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **Forest (Fora) Alexander**
- ⬭ **James Atkinson IV**
- ⬭ **Cal Kishawi**
- ⬭ **Tina Kotek**
- ⬭ **Donnie M Beckwith**
- ⬭ **David W Beem**
- ⬭ **Steve William Laible**
- ⬭ **Brittany Jones**
- ⬭ **Tristan Sheppard**
- ⬭ **Miranda Weigler**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

Legislative Offices

State Representative, 10th District
2 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **David Gomberg**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

Republican Party

Federal Offices

US Senator
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **Brent Barker**
- ⬭ **Deborah C Brown**
- ⬭ **David A Burch**
- ⬭ **Russell McAlmond**
- ⬭ **Jo Rae Perkins**
- ⬭ **Timothy Skelton**
- ⬭ **David Brock Smith**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

Federal Offices

US Representative, 4th District
2 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **Monique DeSpain**
- ⬭ **Stefan G Strek**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

State Offices

Governor
4 Year Term
Vote for One

- ⬭ **Danielle Bethell**
- ⬭ **Hope A Dalrymple**
- ⬭ **Ed Diehl**
- ⬭ **Christine Drazan**
- ⬭ **Chris Dudley**
- ⬭ **Kyle M Duyck**
- ⬭ **David Medina**
- ⬭ **Robert Neuman**
- ⬭ **Brad T Peters**
- ⬭ **Paul J Romero Jr**
- ⬭ **Wen Waddell**
- ⬭ **Martin Ward**
- ⬭ **Tim O Youker**
- ⬭ **DeAngelo Leroy Turner**
- ⬭ _____ Write-in

Legislative Offices

State Representative, 10th District
2 Year Term
Vote for One

No Candidate Filed

- ⬭ _____ Write-in

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Nonpartisan State Offices

Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries
4 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Chris Lynch**
- ○ **Christina E Stephenson**
- ○ _____ Write-in

Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 4
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Christopher L Garrett** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 1
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Ryan T O'Connor** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 9
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Jacqueline Kamins** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 12
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Erin C Lagesen** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 13
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Doug Tookey** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Judge of the Circuit Court, 17th District, Position 1
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Sheryl M Bachart** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Nonpartisan State Offices

Judge of the Circuit Court, 17th District, Position 2
6 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Marcia Buckley** Incumbent
- ○ _____ Write-in

Lincoln County

Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 1
4 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Cheri Brubaker**
- ○ **Casey Miller**
- ○ **Nicholle Moody**
- ○ **Carter McEntee**
- ○ **Cathie Rigby**
- ○ **Dru Earls**
- ○ _____ Write-in

Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2
2 Year Unexpired Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Marci Baker**
- ○ **Cristen Don**
- ○ **Joe D Steere**
- ○ **Eddie Townsend**
- ○ _____ Write-in

Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 3
4 Year Term
Vote for One

- ○ **Walter Chuck Jr**
- ○ **Curtis Landers**
- ○ _____ Write-in

State Measure

Referendum Order by Petition of the People

120 Increases fuel taxes, registration/title fees for roads, tax on wages for public transportation services

Result of "Yes" Vote: "Yes" vote increases fuel taxes, certain vehicle registration/title fees for state, local road construction, maintenance, improvements; increases tax on wages for public transportation services.

Result of "No" Vote: "No" vote retains fuel taxes at 40 cents per gallon, rejects increases to vehicle registration and title fees, tax on wages for public transportation services.

Summary: Measure increases motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes 6 cents per gallon, increases annual registration fees from $43 to $85 for passenger vehicles; from $63 to $105 for utility and light trailers, low-speed vehicles and medium-speed electric vehicles; from $44 to $86 for mopeds and motorcycles. Measure increases passenger vehicle title fees from $77 to $216. Revenues from tax/fee increases distributed: 50% to Department of Transportation, 30% to counties, 20% to cities. Revenues used for state and local road construction, maintenance, and improvements. Measure increases tax on wages for public transportation services to two-tenths of one percent; applies to wages of employee who is a state resident, regardless of where services performed, or non-resident for services performed in this state.

Estimate of Financial Impact: A 'Yes' vote on the measure has the following effects.

For Fiscal Years 2027 through 2035, fuels tax collections would increase by an annual average of $104 million, registration fee revenue would increase by an annual average of $157 million, and title fee revenue would increase by an annual average of $130 million. Increased revenues result in additional average annual allocations of $196 million to the state, $117 million to counties, and $78 million to cities.

Payroll tax collections and public transportation service expenditures would increase by $118 million in Fiscal Year 2027 and by $124 million in Fiscal Year 2028.

- ○ **Yes**
- ○ **No**

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City of Toledo

21-238 Amends the Charter for the City of Toledo Government

Question: Shall Toledo amend its City Charter to clarify official roles, correct scrivener's errors, and allow approval of ordinances by title?

Summary: The City Council for the City of Toledo held a work session on October 22, 2025, relating to the proposed Charter amendments, and engaged in further discussion on December 17, 2025. After these discussions, the City Council determined that amendments to the Charter are appropriate to correct scrivener's errors, clarify the role of certain City officials, and allow ordinances to be approved when read by title. Key proposed changes include:

• Prohibiting the council-appointed offices of city manager, municipal judge, and city attorney from being combined or held by a single person;
• Requiring City Council approval for an interim city manager or city manager pro tem to appoint or remove volunteers;
• Clarifying that a city manager pro tem need not reside within Lincoln County;
• Allowing ordinances to be approved by title rather than being read in full; and,
• Correcting scrivener's errors including removing the "draft" watermark and capitalizing certain terms consistently throughout the Charter.

⬭ **Yes**

⬭ **No**

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1

21-236 Renewal of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue 5-year Operational Levy

Question: Shall NLFR renew its Operational Levy of $1.22 per $1,000 assessed value for five years funding general operations beginning 2027-2028?
This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: Approval of this local option levy would renew the existing five-year levy at the same rate now in effect for an additional five years. The Fire District will use the tax revenue for the following:

Retain the 21 current firefighter positions and ensure the continuation of Emergency Fire & Rescue services at the present level. In 2025 the District had our call volume increase by 6% to 3587 calls for service. Often, several emergency calls occur at the same time and opposite ends of the District.

3 firefighters and Paramedics on duty at both north and south Fire Stations 24/7 will continue to decrease response times saving lives and property.

Maintain inspection and safety programs

Continue current Volunteer incentive programs. Maintain and strengthen Volunteer response.

Purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment.

Repair and maintain District facilities, equipment, and general operations of the District.

An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the levy: FY 2027-2028 $3,855,960 FY 2028-2029 $3,952,358 FY 2029-2030 $4,051,167 FY 2030-2031 $4,152,447 FY 2031-2032 $4,256,258

⬭ **Yes**

⬭ **No**

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

21-237 Renew 5-year firefighter levy with a .12 cent increase

Question: Shall the Seal Rock Fire District seek a 5-year renewal of the firefighter levy, beginning FY 2027-2028, for Firefighter staffing?
This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: This is a continuation of an existing levy for firefighters. We are seeking a .12 cent increase. This increases the levy to a total of .52 cents per thousand. Inflation and rising costs necessitate this increase. We have developed a program supporting our volunteer program. This levy will fund the 24-hour duty officer program. The program changed from a firefighter position to a supervisor position. This program allows for 24- hour management of volunteer responders, as well as a supervisor response to all calls in the fire district. This Levy also provides funds for the supervision of our 40 plus volunteers. The financial impact of the five-year levy at .52 cents per thousand is as follows. (Fiscal year 27-28) $353,600 (Fiscal year 28-29) $364,208 (Fiscal year 29-30) $375,146 (Fiscal year 30-31) $386,400 (Fiscal year 31-32) $397,992. This measure may cause the property taxes to increase more than three percent.

⬭ **Yes**

⬭ **No**

Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

21-239 Renewal of 5-year Local Option Tax levy

Question: Shall YRFPD renew its Operational Levy of $1.59 per $1,000 assessed value for five years funding general operations beginning 2028-2029?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: Approval of this local option levy would renew the existing five-year levy at the same rate now in effect for an additional five years. The Fire District will use the tax revenue for the following:

Retain its current six full-time paid Paramedic-Firefighter employees plus part-time replacements to fill vacations and personal leave.

Maintain and repair essential fire apparatus, trucks and personal protective equipment.

Expand volunteer recruitment program(s).

Repair and maintain essential facilities.

Fund general operations of YRFPD.

An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the levy: FY 2028-2029 $1,161,284 FY 2029-2030 $1,196,123 FY 2030-2031 $1,232,006 FY 2031-2032 $1,268,967 FY 2032-2033 $1,307,036

⬭ **Yes**

⬭ **No**

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Makai Special Road District

21-240 Makai Road District Five-Year Local Option Tax

Question: Shall Makai Road District residents approve a 5-year local option tax of $0.85/$1000 for street network maintenance beginning FY 2026-2027?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The goal of this 5-year local option tax is to raise an estimated $39k to $41k in each fiscal year beginning with FY 2026-2027 through FY 2030-2031. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate. This will be in addition to the existing annual base rate that generates approximately $43k. The recent Level Of Service survey identified significant existing needs for pavement replacement, storm drain restoration and rehabilitation, and street shoulder safety improvements. At the current annual base tax rate, the Road District Board has been unable to repair or maintain even the highest priority projects. Recent projects have had to wait two to three years for adequate funds to become available for completion. This has pushed all priority projects into an uncertain completion status and schedule. As a result, the Board has had to focus on small emergency repairs that can be completed within the annual revenue limits of the existing base rate. If approved, the 5-year local option tax will help the District begin addressing the backlogged priority projects, including overdue pavement restoration, reestablishing the main components of the failed storm drain system, and rebuilding the street shoulders that have disappeared over the decades as street pavement overlays slowly raised the street well above the adjacent shoulders.

- ⬭ **Yes**
- ⬭ **No**

Registration and Voting Information

Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the May 19, 2026 Primary Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by April 28, 2026.

To Register To Vote In Oregon, You Must Be:

1. A resident of Oregon.
2. A United States citizen.
3. At least 18 years old by election day.

You Must Update Your Registration If:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes.
2. Your name changes.
3. You wish to change your party affiliation.

Important Note: If you have moved or your name has changed and you have not yet updated your registration, you may still be eligible to vote. Contact the Lincoln County Elections office, 541-265-4131 for further information.

Voters With Disabilities:

If you are unable to vote your ballot without assistance, contact the Lincoln County Elections office at 541-265-4131. We will provide two persons to assist you in voting. To assure your voted ballot is received by election day, contact the elections office early to arrange for assistance. You may also select someone else of your own choice to assist you.

On-line Registration:

On-line voter registration is now available. Go to our website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/208 and go to the lower right side of the page, then click on "Register to Vote Online".

Oregon has a "Closed Primary":

Oregon has a "Closed Primary" election in May of every even-numbered year. This means that only registered Republicans may vote on Partisan Republican candidates and only registered Democrats may vote on Partisan Democratic candidates. All registered voters may vote on Nonpartisan candidates and measures.

Voting Instructions

Check Your Ballot!

To vote you must fill in the oval (●) completely with a pencil or pen.

To write-in a name — Fill in the oval (●) to the left of the dotted line and write-in the name on the dotted line.

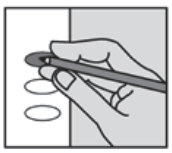
Remember, if stated on your ballot, vote both sides of your ballot.

After voting—SEAL your BALLOT (enclosed in the secrecy envelope if you wish), inside the return envelope, **SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE** in the space provided, and mail it in time to be postmarked by May 19th, or drop it off at a designated drop site (see drop sites on page 21-4 of this county voters' pamphlet).

NOTE: The secrecy envelope is optional – it is not required.

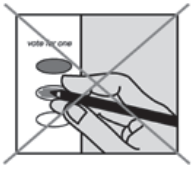
check your ballot!

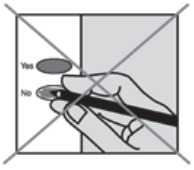
Make sure you have completely filled in the ovals next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.





You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

Contact Lincoln County Elections at 541-265-4131 to request a replacement ballot if:

→ you make a mistake
→ your ballot is damaged or spoiled
→ your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

1 866 673 8683 (se habla Español)
www.oregonvotes.gov TTY 1 800 735 2900

! Be sure to sign your Return Envelope! !

REMEMBER!

All ballots must be voted and mailed or received at a drop site or the Lincoln County Clerk's Office by no later than 8:00pm, May 19, 2026.

If mailed, ballots must be postmarked on or before May 19, 2026.

If mailing your ballot close to election day, ask postal clerk to hand postmark your ballot envelope.

If mailed, ballots must be postmarked on or before May 19, 2026.
New voter registration cutoff April 28, 2026